GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL TRADE IN WILDLIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that despite ban on trading in endangered species of birds under the Wildlife Protection Act, vendors in the lanes of Nakkhas Market in Lucknow are openly selling the Saras Cranes categorised as Schedule-I endangered species of birds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken for the rescue and protection of the Saras Cranes and against the vendors found trading in the endangered species of birds?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c) There were media reports and complaints regarding sale of Saras Cranes in Nakkhas market, Lucknow. An investigation was carried out by a team headed by the Sub- Divisional Forest Officer along with Wildlife staff / officers but nothing specific was found.